

# Theta Lambda News

Volume 51 Issue 6

Area 18, #203

March, 2021



## Inside this issue:

President's Message	1
Meeting Information	1
Treasurer's Report	2
Membership Renewal	2
Minutes	3
What Theta Lambda Means to Me	6
Spring Programs-REVISED 2021	7
Membership Drive	8
DKG—Dates to Remember	9
Birthdays	10

Editor: Catherine Hague  
 chague1558@gmail.com

**The latest edition of the Lone Star News is now online!**

## President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

As I sat down to write my monthly letter on this warm spring day it struck me that just a few weeks ago the temperatures were well below freezing, snow was falling, roads were icing, electricity was failing, pipes were breaking, and homes were suffering water damage all over Texas. Even today, many people in Texas are without electricity or water. As I have worked in the weeks since to have my own place repaired, I am reminded of two things my mom taught me – ‘this too shall pass’ and ‘things are not what is important in life as they can be replaced or you can live without them - people are what is important’. My mom was a business teacher as a young woman, a substitute teacher when I was in junior high and high school, and a very wise woman.

I am proud to be an educator, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and a part of such a wonderful chapter. Knowing that “people” are what is most important is what education, DKG, and Theta Lambda are all about. We strive to serve others so those we help can get through the challenges that face them and then be able to reflect back on how far they have come.

Our program this month is so important and timely. With the legislative session in full swing, decisions are being made that will greatly impact education. As Stacy discussed at our February meeting, we all can influence those decisions and this month’s speaker, Dr. Beth Egmon, will help us be well informed as we reach out to our representatives.

Finally, I want to remind everyone to continue to collect your coins and bring them each month for our ‘Change for Africa’ project. As I was without water for 12 days, I thought of Our Lady of Grace School and how we have played a role in supporting all aspects of the school, including a water well. Let’s continue to part of making a difference there.

Enjoy the sunshine and spring weather!

Sally Kubiak, President, Theta Lambda

**Please let us know how you will be attending the meeting—either in person or via Zoom—when you RSVP to the invite.**

<b>Come join us for Theta Lambda's March meeting!</b>	
<b>Home:</b>	Nancy Dobbs or Zoom
<b>Hostesses:</b>	Nancy Dobbs and Robin DeLaRosa
<b>When:</b>	Monday, March 22
<b>Inspiration:</b>	Jane Meyer
<b>Music:</b>	Lillie Beth Wilson
<b>Program ~ “Get the Skinny!” by Dr. Beth Egmon</b>	

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
March 2021**

<b>Checking balance reported in February</b>		<b>\$1350.75</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		<b>\$ .05</b>
February Bank Dividend	.05	
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		<b>- \$ 167.00</b>
Contributions to State Funds	97.00	
Contributions to International Funds	55.00	
Contribution to UNICEF – Schools for Africa	15.00	
<b>Current checking account balance</b>		<b>\$1183.80</b>
<b>Current savings account balance</b>		<b>\$ 560.38</b>
<b>Current CD Balance</b>		<b>\$1636.15</b>
<b>Total assets of chapter</b>		<b>\$3380.33</b>

~~~~~

**READY, SET, GO – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!**

It is that time again!

Membership dues for 2021-2022 will be accepted starting now.

The goal is to have all dues collected by the end of April.

Dues remain the same...

Active Members \$75.00

Reserve Members \$28.00

Make checks payable to Theta Lambda-DKG

And send to...

Sandra MacConnell  
611 Chevy Chase Circle  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Be an early bird and mail your check today!



# Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting Agenda

December 14, 2020

**Program** – Jennifer Salazar, Program Director for the BBB Education Foundation  
“Online Shopping Scams”

## Old Business

Inspiration – Catherine Hague

No matter what you do to the \$20 bill; the value does not change. Think about this with our lives. We have great value to the people in our lives. The need us and depend on us including family, friends, students. Especially we as women must maintain the value.

Approve Minutes Motion to approve minutes by Catherine. Lillie Beth seconded the motion. [Minutes passed unanimously.](#)

Approve Financial Report Robin motions. Mary seconds. Minutes passed unanimously.

Silent Auction Report Auction netted us \$825

\$508 was a donation for the Parks Youth Ranch.

Parks Youth Ranch Holiday Boxes Update

The players were donated by many members.

Laura made cute tops for the boxes. They were filled with cookies, MP3 players, tooth-brush as well as other goodies!

Chapter Social Update - We are going to delay due to the times. We want to stay wise and healthy. Instead pick two people and send cards to them. Send the people who you are going to write the cards to Sally. This shows our chapter that we value each other.

That's My Pan Update – We made \$61.If you want a lower shipping you need to wait until there are 10 items.

What Theta Lambda Means to Me

## New Business

Kroger Community Rewards - Sally is re-applying for this reward.

## Other Business

Music – Pam Baker - O' Holy Night

Closing

## Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting Agenda

February 22, 2021

### Old Business

Inspiration – Robin De La Rosa

- \* The dog and the little girl laughing. Be inspired by others laughter.

Approve Minutes

- \* Will vote on minutes from December next month.

Approve Financial Report

Robin motions that we approve the Financial report. Catherine seconds. No activity so the report is approved. There will be activity next month.

- \* What Theta Lambda Means to Me - volunteer for March (Michele)

Thank you for taking the time to let everyone know what Theta Lambda means. Catherine is inspired by what everyone has written. It is also wonderful to hear people's stories.

- \* Kroger Community Rewards - Still working on it.

- \* Convention

Sally, Alisha and Nancy are going. June 17 – 19. If anyone else would like to go please let Sally know.

### New Business

- \* Committee Reports

Educational Excellence (Legislative Issues) – Stacy Frenchwood

87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session has started. There have been five named things to be worked on.

Broadband internet in rural areas

Bail changes

Election integrity

Covid related issues

Ercot issues fixed

Disaster declaration and emergency protective measures. Working on fixing the high electric bills.

Programs and Service Projects – Catherine Hague

March – Beth Egmon will speak

April – Birthday celebration at Carol Tenbrook (Please let Alisha know the type of food that we would like to have ordered in.)

May – Panel discussion about Founders and how they would respond to the needs

**Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

of children during the pandemic.

Parks Youth Ranch has been contacted to see if there is something that they want us to do to support them.

Thoughts about adopting a school.

Nancy suggested that we stay with Sister's Jane's School in Africa as well as Parks Youth Ranch.

Social and Courtesy – Alisha Procter

A woman covers and prepares the meals herself. Each week she makes about 120 -130 meals. Toshiba's Angels makes these meals for the homeless and passes out the meals. She is also providing hygiene articles for the people as well.

Do we want to stay with the organizations or do we want to look at other places in addition or in lieu?

Membership -Jan Randolph

Alisha and Catherine have invited guests.

**Program - F2F, Virtual, or Hybrid: Teaching in the times of Covid-19 – Carol TenBrook**

Thank you for helping us understand the ins and outs of teaching today in the times of the pandemic!

**Other Business**

**Sherri Flick's sister is very involved and suggests that we should call our legislature rather than writing letters.**

**Music – “What the World Needs Now”**

**Dionne Warwick said it was too country-ish.**

**Burt Backarack and Hal David created. This song was created in 1962 and then recorded in 1965.**

**The success of the song caught the writers off guard.**

**Jackie DeShannon originally sang it.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29**

## What Theta Lambda Means to Me

By Michele Croft

When I was approached about attending a meeting, I was honored to be asked. As I attended a few meetings, I thought to myself ~ *all of the women in the Theta Lambda chapter are talented and amazing*. This group is composed of dynamic, energetic women who put students and staff at the forefront.

Throughout my many years of teaching my path had intersected with many of the wonderful woman in Theta Lambda. When asked if I wanted to join, I felt honored but concerned. Would I truly fit it? Am I as talented as the rest of you? As I went through the orientation and learned of Delta Kappa Gamma's Mission, Vision and Values, I realized that they align with my outlook and desire for professional excellence.

Learning the talents of each and everyone one of you is a bonus. We celebrate in the good times and support each other in the difficult times. I know that I can always count on our chapter! The generosity, energy and strength that everyone gives to one another makes me proud to be part of this chapter.



This word cloud was taken from the website. It represents us well!

**Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

## REVISED SPRING PROGRAM SCHEDULE~2021

*(Note: CookLearnGrow has been moved to the fall when more members may be ready to participate in this hands-on program. Get the Skinny about the Texas legislative session has been moved to February so we can be better prepared to influence the process.)*

### **February 22, 2021**

#### **Program “F2F, Virtual, or Hybrid: Teaching in the times of Covid-19”**

Presenter Carol TenBrook will explore some of the difficulties teachers face with technology while teaching during a pandemic. She will share helpful hints to navigate this ever-changing landscape without losing your sanity.

### **March 22, 2021**

#### **Program “Get the Skinny!”**

Dr. Beth Egmon, Past President of the Coalition of Reading and English Supervisors in Texas (CREST) will give an insider’s view of the state educational policies. Testifying before the Texas State Board of Education and the Texas House Committee on Education, Dr. Egmont has gotten a bird’s eye view of the process. With the legislative session in 2021 and COVID, education has become THE hot topic. Come and hear what you can do to influence the process of providing the best possible education for Texas students. Come get the skinny on all things legislative!

### **April 19, 2021**

#### **Program “Theta Lambda’s 53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration”**

Members will celebrate our chapter’s fifty-three years of women educators who share the purposes and vision of Delta Kappa Gamma Society.  
Members will prepare notes to be sent to past and reserve chapter members.

### **May 17, 2021**

#### **Program “Founders Day: How Would Our Founders Respond to the Educational Needs of Children During the Pandemic?”**

The Programs Committee will lead a discussion of the philosophies of our founders and how those beliefs can frame an educational COVID response.

# 2021 Membership Drive

By Jan Randolph



## Let's Grow!

Let's grow in numbers, and together let's grow in our professional and personal lives.

### Goals

- \* Each current member invites one guest to a meeting. Member receives rare rose seeds. **(Plant a seed.)**
- \* Have invited guest actually attend a meeting. Bottled rose favor for member and guest. **(Watch us bloom.)**
- \* Have guest initiated into membership. The inviting members' names will go into a drawing for a gift basket. Drawing to be held at May meeting.

Watch for good teachers everywhere in schools and out ~ it could be someone who does professional training in the business world, or in the medical professions. It might be your grandchild's teacher or someone you teach with, or a neighbor that is a teacher. Watch and talk about the benefits of DKG membership and invite. Don't make the mistake of failing to invite because you think they have too much going on. Let's grow.



## DKG Texas and Theta Lambda Dates to Remember 2021

### January, 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> – DKG International Foundation Project application due
- 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – STAR Retreat

### February, 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Nominations for TSO Achievement and Golden Rose Awards due
- 1<sup>st</sup> – *Lone Star News submissions due*
- 15<sup>th</sup> – TSO CPE Convention proposals due
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chapter Meeting

### March, 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> – TSO State scholarships and Spring Mini-grant applications due
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chapter Meeting

### April, 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> – ASTEF Project Stipend applications due
- 1<sup>st</sup> – *Lone Star News submission due*
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 53rd Birthday Celebration

### May, 2021

- 17<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting

### June, 2021

- 16<sup>th</sup>-18 TSO Convention – Denton

- July, 2021—21-24<sup>th</sup> DKG International Convention – San Antonio

## ***Birthday Celebrations***

***March 17 ~ Sally Kubiak***

***March 27 ~ Miriam Watson***

***March 28 ~ Linsey Bove`***

